

Remarks

Applicants respectfully request that this Preliminary Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115 be entered by the Examiner. This amendment amends the specification, cancels claims 1-10 and 37, and amends the abstract. No new matter has been added. Support for the amendments can be found in the specification and claims as originally filed.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 11-36 and claim 38 are pending in the application, with claim 11 being the independent claim. Claims 1-10 and claim 37 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

The specification has been amended by inserting reference to prior applications according to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a).

The abstract has been amended by replacing "hydrazono" with -- hydrazino -- . Support for this amendment may be found, *inter alia*, at paragraph [0002] of the specification as originally filed.

These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants believe the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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